

Nuclear Waste Program

Agency Update Hanford Advisory Board

Jane Hedges
June 6, 2013

Hanford Permit Update

- Working with EPA Region 10 and Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program on technical evaluation, regulatory interpretation and statewide consistency for the draft permit.
- Many of the discussion topics resulted from the public comments that we received during the public comment period.



‘New’ Ecology Director


- Maia Bellon was appointed as Ecology director in mid-February (just days before the announcement of 6 leaking tanks).
- Maia has worked for Ecology since June 2010.
- Before that she served as an assistant attorney general with the Ecology Division at the AG’s office.



Maia toured Hanford with Gov. Inslee in March

Ecology News & Notes

- May 24 letter to ORP outlines state's expectations for AY-102 pumping plan to be sent by June 14.
- May 6 letter to USDOE-HQ announced withdrawal from Oct. 2012 confidentiality agreement on WTP technical issues.


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May 6, 2013

Mr. David G. Huizenga
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RE: Notice of Washington State withdrawing from the October 2012 Confidentiality Agreement regarding Hanford WTP technical issues

Dear Mr. Huizenga:

In September 2012, former Washington Governor Gregoire and Department of Energy Secretary Chu agreed that Secretary Chu would bring his personal attention to an effort aimed at resolving various technical issues associated with Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant (WTP). To assist in this effort, Secretary Chu requested involvement of Washington State technical staff in the discussions. To facilitate Washington's involvement in the effort and to encourage frank and creative discussion of issues in a "safe" environment, Secretary Chu asked the state to agree that the high level technical issues would be treated as confidential.


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May 24, 2013

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Re: Ecology Response to Letter 13-TF-0024, "Analysis of 40 CFR 265.196 Requirements for Double-Shell Tank (DST) System Tank 241-AY-102, and Discussion of Double-Shell Tank Emergency Pumping Guide, HNF-3484; Revision 10," dated May 6, 2012

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the analysis of 40 CFR 265.196 Requirements for Double-Shell Tank (DST) System Tank 241-AY-102, and Discussion of Double-Shell Tank Emergency Pumping Guide, HNF-3484; Revision 10," dated May 6, 2012.

plan by June 14, 2013. We look forward to receiving your 241-AY

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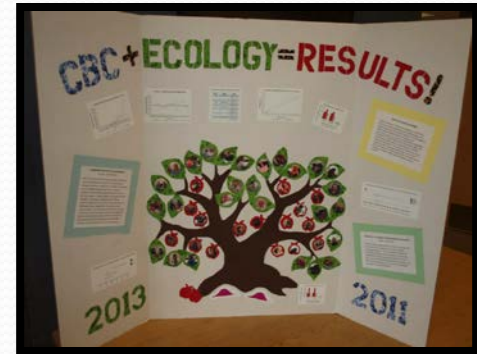
Ecology News & Notes

- Hanford Air Operating Permit reissued April 1, 2013
 - Permit renewal was appealed
 - New comment period June 30-Aug. 2 on reissued permit
- Comments on draft 100 D/H RI/FS sent March 12
 - Working with DOE-RL to resolve outstanding comments
 - Proposed plan may go out for public comment in about a year

Education & Outreach

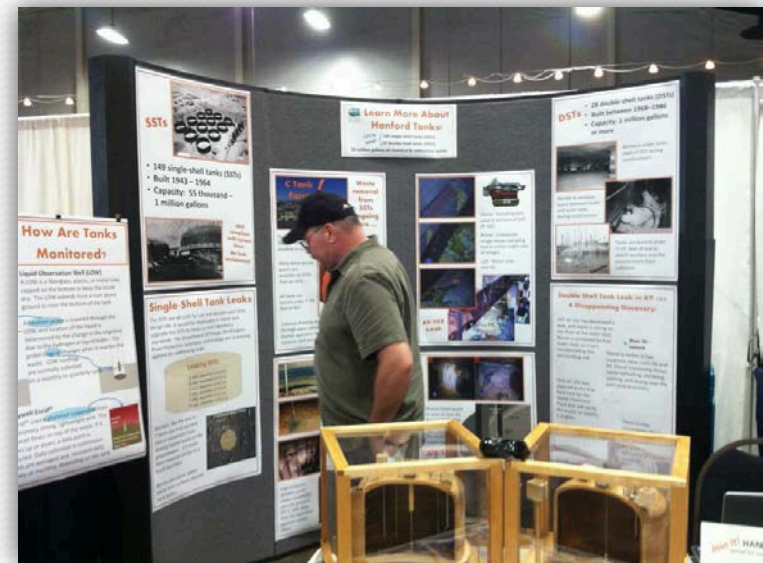
Columbia Basin College Statistics Project

- 46 students analyzed C Farm groundwater data
- Produced technical reports & presented analytical methods at Ecology office on April 19
- Students took site tour, including C Farm, on June 4



Education & Outreach

- Hanford email listserv keeps growing!
 - Subscribers as of June 3: 1,185 (up from 938 a year ago)
- May outreach events:
 - Salmon Summit
 - Christ the King School
 - James McGee Elementary
 - Shoreline Rotary
 - Columbia Valley Rotary
 - Lewis River Rotary
 - Kruse Way Rotary
 - Washington Public Ports
 - Sierra Club of Seattle
 - Hanford Health & Safety Expo



Ecology's booth at the Hanford Health & Safety Expo focused largely on tanks and included two models provided by WRPS. The expo was held last month at TRAC in Pasco.

Questions?

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